

REMARKS**Summary of the Office Action**

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that this application is in condition for allowance except for some formal matters.

The drawings are objected to because Figs. 6-8 are not labeled as "Prior Art."

The abstract and the disclosure are objected to because of informalities

The claims 1, 3-9, 11-14 and 17-20 stand objected to because of informalities.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicant has amended the abstract, the disclosure and the claims in accordance with the Examiner's requirements. Also, a Submission of Replacement Drawing Sheets is filed concurrently herewith to replace the previously-filed drawing sheets.

Objection to the Drawings

Figs. 6-8 should be each designated by a legend such as "Prior Art." Applicant files concurrently herewith a Submission of Replacement Drawing Sheets to replace the previously-filed drawing sheets. In these Replacement Drawing Sheets, Figs. 6-8 have been amended to add the legend "Prior Art." Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Objection to the Specification

The abstract and the disclosure stand objected to because of informalities. Applicant has

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Attached is a Submission of Replacement Drawing Sheets including all of the Figs. 1-8 in this application, to replace the previously-filed drawing sheets. In these Replacement Drawing Sheets, Figs. 6-8 have been amended to add the legend "Prior Art," as suggested by the Examiner at page 2, Section 1 of the Ex parte Quayle Office Action dated October 5, 2004.

amended the abstract and the disclosure by adopting the Examiner's helpful suggestions as set forth at page 2, sections 2 and 3 of the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the objection to the disclosure be withdrawn.

Objection to the Claims

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-14 and 17-20 stand objected to because of informalities. Applicant has amended these claims by adopting the Examiner's helpful suggestions as set forth at page 3, section 4 of the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the objection to claims 11, 3-9, 11-14 and 17-20 be withdrawn.

This Application is Now in Condition for Allowance

In the Ex parte Quayle Office Action, the Examiner indicates that this application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matters with regard to the drawings, the specification and the claims which have now been resolved, as discussed above. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to issuance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.R.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted

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